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The next Annual Session will be held with the First Baptist Church of Concore, N. C., Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1923.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. L. Mason, High Point.

Compiled by J. W. Hairston, Recording Secretary

Box 1291, Asheville, N. C.

HISTORICAL

The Rowan Baptist Association was organized in 1877 in a hospital at Salisbury, which was afterwards purchased by the Baptists there and was organized in Dixonville Baptist Church. Rev. Harry Cowan, Rev. Z. Haughton and Rev. Combe Ellis were the ministers present in the organization.

The following persons have served the Association as Moderator: Rev. Harry Cowan, first Moderator; then Revs. Z. Haughton, John Washington, Grove Crowell, George Browers, Drs. J. O. Crosby, P. S. Lewis, C. C. Somerville, C. L. Lewis, G. W. Johnson, Dr. G. O. Bullock, at present Rev. J. T. Hairston.

There were three churches in the organization and except Dixonville in the hospital as stated, the other two worshipped under brush harbors. At the Association in High Point this year eighty-nine churches were represented with a membership of twenty-five thousand. Total pastor's salary is nine hundred and seventy-five dollars to the pastor; church property averages eight thousand, five hundred dollars to the church.

CONSTITUTION OF ROWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Sec. 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Rowan Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. This Association shall be composed of pastor and messengers of regular Baptist churches belonging to this Association, who are in good standing and full practice of the ordinances, doctrine and discipline of the regular Missionary Baptist denominations.

Sec. 3. Any member of a regular Missionary Baptist church in good standing may become an annual member by paying five dollars.

Sec. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Board composed of members who shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

Sec. 5. Regular ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their churches and corresponding delegates may be invited to sit in counsel with us, but no vote; provided that annual and life members are excepted.

Sec. 6. No difficulties existing between churches or standing in the church shall be heard by this Association until gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Sec. 7. The object of this Association shall be for fraternal intercourse and mutual counsel, to promote the union of the churches, and to support Home and Foreign Missions and Christian Education.

Sec. 8. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of more than three delegates from each church with a letter giving the condition of each church, and said meeting shall convene on Wednesday, at 11 a. m., before the fourth Sunday in August, with an introductory sermon and continue until the business of the Association is completed.

Sec. 9. The Scripture—the Word of God—shall be sufficient rule of faith, doctrine, etc., of this Association; and the traditions of men, where they have neither precept nor example in the Scriptures to justify them, shall be rejected.

Sec. 10. The following committees shall be appointed after the election of officers: 1st, Committee on Devotional Exercises, except the Sabbath; 2nd, Committee on Admission of Churches and

Correspondence; 3rd, Committee on Publication of Minutes; 4th, Committee on Time and Place of Next Association; 5th, Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Sec. 11. All churches having 225 members or less may send three delegates and for additional 225 members over 225, one delegate, provided each church shall send at least 10 cents per active member for the general purpose of the Association; provided also, that in addition to this money designated for what ever charitable purpose cherished by this Association and churches may elect; which sum shall be applied accordingly.

Sec. 12. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine after gospel steps have been legaly taken to reclaim her and she persists in her course, and shall not longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Furthermore, any church failing to be represented by letter or delegates two successive years shall be visited by suitable admonition; and if she neglects to attend the third year, shall be dropped from the Association.

Sec. 13. The Rules of Order in the Baptist Church Directory shall govern the deliberations of this body.

Sec. 14. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote, provided, twelve months' notice of such be given.

Sec. 15. That the Orphan Home at Winston-Salem be placed in the constitution as one of the objects of this Association, and that each church contributing ten dollars shall be entitled to one stock and each additional ten dollars one stock, provided such arrangement can be made with this Board of Trustees. That we hold the twenty-five cents per capita in observance but we shall change the Constitution that each and every member of the church rolls shall be regarded as "active" and for the next year the Association shall require ten cents per capita for each member belonging to each church represented.

Sec. 16. The Secretary of the School Board shall keep an accurate account of all funds belonging to said Board and shall turn over to Treasurer all such funds within 30 days after receipt of same.

ROWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator

Dr. J. T. Hairston ----- Greensboro, N. C.

Vice Moderator

Dr. R. L. File ----- Winston-Salem, N. C.

Recording Secretary

Dr. J. W. Hairston ----- Salisbury, N. C.

Dr. F. R. Mason, Assistant ----- Salisbury, N. C.

Corresponding Secretary

Rev. W. L. Mason ----- High Point, N. C.

Treasurer

Jas. Timlic ----- Winston

Executive Board

J. T. Hairston ----- Greensboro

R. W. Brown ----- Winston

J. C. Smith ----- Winston

R. L. File ----- Winston

B. W. Wynn ----- Greensboro

S. L. Parham ----- High Point

J. W. Croom ----- Reidsville

B. K. Mason ----- Charlotte

D. W. Montgomery ----- Salisbury

F. R. Mason ----- Salisbury

A. H. Lewis ----- Statesville

J. W. Hairston ----- Salisbury

A. S. Croom ----- Salisbury

P. Joyce ----- Winston

Louis Wilson ----- Greensboro

J. H. Mason ----- Advance

J. J. Scarlette ----- Greensboro

G. H. E. Washington ----- Greensboro

J. P. Alexander ----- Salisbury

J. H. Hamlin ----- Winston

C. W. Barnes ----- Winston

J. S. Daniels ----- E. Spencer

Auditor

E. E. Curtwright ----- High Point

Statistician and Historian

W. H. Nelson ----- Greensboro

Ordaining Council

R. L. File	Winston-Salem
J. W. Hairston	Salisbury
H. M. Moore	Charlotte
F. R. Mason	Salisbury
J. P. Alexander	Salisbury
A. S. Croom	Salisbury
J. T. Hairston	Greensboro
R. B. Watts	Dallas
B. K. Mason	Charlotte
G. H. E. Washington	Greensboro
S. L. Parham	High Point

Trustees of the Association

Name	P. O.	Term Expires
B. K. Mason, Charlotte		1930
Dr. J. W. Hairston, Salisbury		1930
Prof. R. W. Brown, Winston-Salem		1930
Rev. A. S. Croom, Salisbury		1932
Rev. T. J. Hairston, Greensboro		1932
Rev. J. W. Croom, Reidsville		1932
Prof. J. W. Paisley, Winston-Salem		1928
Rev. E. M. Johnson, Thomasville		1928

Ordained Ministers

J. T. Hairston	Greensboro
J. W. Hairston	Salisbury
J. W. Croom	Salisbury
P. Joyce	Winston
J. I. Munford	Winston
D. W. Montgomery	Salisbury
S. L. Kellie	Salisbury
W. M. Watson	Salisbury
R. B. Watts	Dallas
R. H. L. Crockett	Wadesboro
E. M. Johnson	Winston
H. M. Moore	Charlotte
Z. B. Stradford	Winston
W. H. Hairston	Winston
J. P. Alexander	Salisbury
N. L. Brown	Salisbury
C. N. Brown	Greensboro

ROWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

O. S. Bullock	Raleigh
P. F. Long	Badin
J. S. Rowland	New London
R. D. McCall	Granite Quarry
C. W. Johnson	Spencer
W. W. Gist	Concord
C. M. Williams	Winston
J. C. Gaither	Winston
T. B. Eggleton	Winston
J. J. Scarlette	Greensboro
L. C. Foster	Winston
S. H. Mason	Mocksville
H. D. Haughton	North Wilkesboro
Rev. A. H. Lewis	Winston
J. E. Melton	Concord
J. E. Boykin	Burlington
S. L. Parham	High Point
R. W. Glass	Ruffin
F. R. Mason	Salisbury
J. H. Moore	Charlotte
Rev. Mason	High Point
R. L. File	Winston
B. K. Mason	Charlotte
H. Mackey	Winston-Salem
J. W. Jones	Winston
H. H. Hawkins	Salisbury
J. H. Hamlin	Winston
Mack Moore	Badin
John Lynch	Salisbury
A. C. Miller	Lexington
J. W. Hawkins	Salisbury
W. M. Wyatt	Lexington
L. H. Powell	Winston
L. C. Huff	Salisbury
Alpheus Smith	Salisbury
I. H. Ware	Greensboro
J. B. Summers	Winston
F. H. Green	Greensboro
J. A. Morrison	Greensboro
D. S. Sautter	High Point

J. W. Kearns	Salisbury
W. P. Thompson	Salisbury
G. W. Campbell	Winston
W. L. Sloan	Salisbury
A. T. Simmons	Salisbury
R. D. Webster	Madison
C. H. Roberts	High Point
J. H. Curry	Winston
W. M. Sharp	Salisbury
J. M. Miller	Concord
W. T. Johnson	Winston-Salem
H. D. Haughton	Wilkesboro
C. D. Simmons	China Grove
J. J. Scarlette	Greensboro
G. W. Williams	Winston-Salem
G. H. Davis	Winston-Salem

Licentiate Ministers

Alexander Brown	Greensboro
A. Wilson	Whitney
Thomas Freeman	Charlotte
J. W. Penn	Old Town
E. B. King	Spencer
A. Graves	High Point
J. G. Martin	Reidsville
J. H. Owens	Lexington
H. W. White	Winston
A. L. Fulp	Walkertown
William Gray	High Point
W. R. Lee	Winston-Salem
Adam Gill	Winston-Salem
T. H. Freeman	Charlotte
Samuel Jacobs	R. 2, Box 86, Durham
B. M. Summers	2229 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem
P. B. Caldwell	Reidsville
W. P. Green	Cooleemee

Annual Members

Rev. W. P. Thompson
 Rev. R. W. Robinson
 Rev. T. D. Ware
 Rev. E. W. Posey

ROWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Rev. H. Mackey
Rev. T. H. Bullock
Rev. Gaither
Rev. M. C. Moore
Rev. H. F. Babo
Rev. E.W. Casey
Rev. Arthur Gray
N. A. Hunt

NO. 11,863

**CERTIFICATES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ROWAN
BAPTIST CONVENTION, Inc.**

This is to certify that we, Geo. O. Bullock, R. W. Brown, L. D. Wilson, P. S. Lewis, J. W. Hairston, H. M. Ellis, O. S. Bullock, J. H. Owens, R. H. Harris, and John W. Paisley, and such others as they may associate with them and their successors do hereby associate ourselves into a corporation under and by virtue of the laws of North Carolina, as contained in chapter 21 of the Revisal of 1905, entitled "Corporations," and by that name shall have succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of record in this State, contract and be contracted with, and to that end do we hereby set forth:

I. That the name of this corporation is Rowan Baptist Association, Inc.

II. The location of the principal office or place of business of the corporation in this is at Winston-Salem, County of Forsyth, State of North Carolina; but may have one or more branch offices or places of business out of the State as well as in the State.

III. The purpose of the corporation is for religious missionary, charitable, and educational purposes, and for the spiritual, moral and mental improvement of men and women, boys and girls, by promoting and providing or establishing of workers under religious organizations by providing or establishing an orphanage for the care, protection, nurture and training of orphan children, a college with standard curriculum, academic or intermediate schools with regular courses for religious, scientific, technical and all grades of industrial training for both sexes, and shall have the right to grant diplomas and confer degrees.

And in order to properly prosecute the objects and purposes above set forth, the corporation shall have full power and authority to purchase, lease, and otherwise acquire, hold mortgage, convey and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, both in the State and in all other States, territories or dependencies of the United States; and generally to perform acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper and successful prosecution of the objects for which the corporation is created.

IV. That there shall be no capital stock of this corporation, but the corporation shall have power to receive and retain to it, and its successors forever, any lands, tenements, rents, goods, chattels, franchises, or interests of any kind whatsoever, which may be granted, conveyed, bequeathed or given to it, or by it purchased or otherwise acquired for use of the association in its religious and educational work combined.

V. This corporation shall have the power to execute and issue and endorse promissory notes, bonds or other evidences of debt and to secure the same by mortgages or deeds of trust on its real or personal property.

VI. The officers of the association shall be a moderator, vice moderator, secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, executive board and such other boards as the association may deem fit and necessary, who shall be elected annually by the association at their regular meeting and hold their offices until their successors are elected and inducted into office.

VII. The association shall at their annual meeting elect a board of trustees, consisting of nine members of the association, who shall have full and complete charge of the management of the orphanage and school or schools under the control of the association. Three of the trustees shall be elected for one year, three for two years, and three for three years. They shall make an annual report to the association, or earlier when called upon to do so.

VIII. The names and post office addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

Name	Address
R. W. Brown	Winston-Salem
Geo. O. Bullock	Winston-Salem
L. D. Wilson	Winston-Salem
P. S. Lewis	Charlotte, N. C.
J. W. Hairston	Charlotte, N. C.
H. M. Ellis	Salisbury, N. C.
O. S. Bullock	Lexington, N. C.
J. H. Owens	High Point, N. C.
R. H. Harris	Reidsville, N. C.
Jno. W. Paisley	Greensboro, N. C.

IX. The period of existence of this corporation is sixty (60) years.

X. That said corporation shall have power to pass all necessary laws and regulations for its own government, constitute and elect such boards and committees as are necessary for the execution and carrying out the plans of the association, which may not be inconsistent with the laws of the State, or the United States. That the conditions upon which members may be come associates with the incorporators is that they shall be persons of good moral character, twenty-one years of age and a citizen of the State of North Carolina or of the United States, members of a regularly organized Missionary Baptist Church, or members of a regular orthodox evangelical Protestant Church, and shall be admitted into the corporation by a majority vote of the incorporators at a regular or called meeting of the corporation.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 7th day of February, 1914.

Geo. O. Bullock, (Seal)

R. W. Brown, (Seal)

Jno. W. Paisley, (Seal)

L. D. Wilson, (Seal)

P. S. Lewis, (Seal)

J. W. Hairston, (Seal)

H. M. Ellis, (Seal)

O. S. Bullock, (Seal)

R. H. Harris, (Seal)

North Carolina,

Forsyth County:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of February, 1914, before me, to notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Geo. O. Bullock, R. W. Brown, L. D. Wilson, P. S. Lewis, Jno. W. Paisley, who I am satisfied, are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation of the Rowan Baptist Association, Incorporated, and, I, having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the 7th day of February, 1914.

(Notarial Seal)

Richard E. Reynolds, N. P.

(My commission expires February 8, 1915)

Filed February 9, 1914.

J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State.

I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached four (4) sheets to be a true copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office on the 9th day of February, A. D., 1924.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office of Raleigh, this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, 1914.

J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State.

DEED

Evergreen Cemetery Co., and R. V. Brawley and Wife.

--- M. S. Brawley

to

Trustees of Rowan Baptist Association

North Carolina, Iredell County,

THIS DEED, Made this 3rd day of January, 1920, by Evergreen Cemetery Company and R. V. Brawley and wife, M. S. Brawley. of Iredell County, and State of North Carolina, of the first part, to J. T. Hairston, J. W. Hairston, R. W. Brown, P. S. Lewis, J. H. Owens, H. M. Ellis, J. W. Piasley, L. D. Wilson, and J. W. Faulk, Trustees of the Rowan Baptist Association, Inc., of Rowan County and State of North Carolina, of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said parties of the first part, in consideration of five thousand (5,000.00) Dollars to them paid by parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to said parties of the second part, successors and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Iredell County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of H. R. Crowles, Austin Estate, McLaughlin. Austin, and others, and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at a stake McLaughlin's corner in Austin's line 16 poles North of the old Spanish Oak Corner and runs with the Austin line and the Cowles line S. 3 and one half degrees. W. 106 poles to an iron stake, Meacham's corner in Cowles' line; thence

with Meacham's line S. 86 one-half, degrees E. 98-1 poles to a stake, Meacham's corner in Moore's line, thence with Moore's line; thence with said North 86 1-2 degrees, West 51 poles thence North 23 degrees West 110 poles to a stake in the old line; thence with said North 86 1 to 2 degrees, West 51 poles to the beginning, containing 50 acres, more or less. Being a part of the land conveyed by T. T. Cole to the Evergreen Cemetery Company recorded in Book 58, page 373 and to T. T. Cole by R. V. Brawley, Book 58, page 370, and to R. V. Brawley and T. Grier Miller and Mary Sample, Book 20, page 8, and inherited by Grier Miller and Mary Sample from the estate of their father, J. S. Miller.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said parties of the second part and successors and assigns to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said parties of the first part, for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with said parties of the first part and their successors and assigns, that they seized of said premises in fee and have to convey in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that they do hereby forever warrant and will forever defend the said title the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever. The execution of this instrument by the Evergreen Cemetery Company is authorized by the Board of Directors at a meeting duly called and held for the purpose.

In testimony whereof, the said Evergreen Cemetery Company has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its President and its seal affixed and attested by its Secretary, and the said R. V. Brawley and wife, M. S. Brawley, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Evergreen Cemetery Co., (Seal)

By P. W. Steele, President --

R. V. Brawley, (Seal)

M. S. Brawley, (Seal)

Attest: O. J. Allen, Secretary.

North Carolina,

Iredell County:

This the 7th day of January, 1920, personally came before me J. W. Sharpe, Dept. Clerk of the Superior Court of Iredell

County, O. J. Allen, who being by me duly sworn, says that he knows the common seal of the Evergreen Cemetery Company, and is acquainted with P. W. Steele, who is President of said Corporation, that he, the said O. J. Allen, is the Secretary of said Corporation, and saw the President sign the foregoing deed of conveyance, and that he, the said O. J. Allen, Secretary as aforesaid, affixed the seal of the Corporation to said instrument, and that he, the said O. J. Allen, Secretary, signed his name in attestation of the execution of said instrument in the presence of the President of said Corporation.

Witness my hand this 7th day of January, 1920.

J. W. Sharpe, Dept. Clerk

Superior Court of Iredell County.

State of North Carolina, Iredell County.

I, W. J. Lazenby, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that R. V. Brawley, and M. S. Brawley, his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance; and the M. S. Brawley being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband, or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 7th day of Jan
A. D., 1920.

W. J. Lazenby,

Justice of the Peace (Seal).

State of North Carolina, Iredell County:

The foregoing certificate of W. J. Lazenby, a Justice of the Peace of Iredell County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 24th day of January
A. D., 1920.

J. W. Sharpe,

Dept. Clerk, Superior Court.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To the ministers and delegates of the sixty-first session of the Rowan Baptist Association, greeting:

Dear friends, we hail again with peculiar pleasure, this day which makes the opening of the sixty-first session of our great Association.

Again our Heavenly Father has been gracious to us, in that He has spared our lives and granted unto us the happy privilege of meeting once more, face to face.

Our hearts are filled with joy as our minds reflect and we recall the very pleasant association with our brethren which has been ours to enjoy since our connection with this wonderful body of Christian men.

As it has been for the past sixty years, again we have assembled for a few days to exchange friendly greetings, to discuss the many problems which confront us and to plan how we may as servants of God and Christian leaders best carry on the great program of Kingdom building which He has committed to our care.

As we stand today at the sixty-first mile post of the Historical Rowan Baptist Association, I wonder if we fully realize the great honor which God has conferred upon us, in committing to us this holy trust and granting unto us the privilege of being laborers with Him in the extension of His great Kingdom among men. I wonder again if since the setting our last association, we have kept in mind this fact. If so I am sure our year's work has been both pleasant and profitable.

Sixty-one years ago God inspired the hearts and minds of our forefathers to form this organization in order that they might be better prepared to foster the cause of Christ in this part of the State.

Those old veterans of the cross served well their days and generation. They played well their parts upon the stage of action until God called them home from labor to reward. And today we honor, revere and bless their names.

Now, that their mantles have fallen upon our shoulders may we strive to give to the denomination the best that is in us. May we serve so earnestly, so faithfully, so unselfishly, that the generations yet to follow may be able to rise up and call us blessed.

We have better preparation, and greater advantages than our fathers had. As we know that they had scarcely any advantage of

schools, and but few of them could even read and write.

Today our country is dotted with beautiful and spacious schools, colleges, seminaries and universities, to say nothing of our finely built churches. Churches of wonderful architectural structure—churches with all the modern conveniences.

Brethren, if we fail to make good, we ourselves are to blame. If we do not use all these advantages to the glory of God and to the edification of our brother we shall surely fall short of our reward.

Our fathers prayed that such blessings might be ours to enjoy.

May the day never come when those sainted brethren shall be forgotten by the members of this Association, for we are building upon the foundation which they laid.

It may be interesting for me to give you this bit of history—thirty-two years ago today this Association assembled here in this city, in perhaps the most successful session in its history up to that day. The meeting was held in what was known at that time as the High Point Baptist church, pastored at that time by Rev. A. Wilborne, one of the pioneers of this Association.

The officers were Dr. J. O. Crosby, moderator; Dr. L. R. Jeffries, vice-moderator; Rev. E. F. Parham, Recording secretary; Rev. S. G. Huffman, corresponding secretary, and Rev. A. Wilborne, treasurer.

The Executive Board was composed of the following named brethren, Revs. J. O. Crosby, S. H. Witherspoon, C. C. Somerville, S. S. Hawkins, P. S. Lewis, G. W. Holland, R. E. Wilson, L. R. Jeffries, E. F. Parham and A. Wilborne.

The number of ordained ministers enrolled that year was twenty-three, with just one licentiate listed, Brother A. H. Sloan.

The outstanding visitors at that session were Rev. A. B. Vincent of Raleigh, Professor N. C. Bruce of Shaw University, Dr. C. S. Brown, who was then president of the Baptist State Convention; Professor S. G. Atkins, now of Slater College, Winston-Salem. Professor Atkins was then travelling in the interest of the Cotton Exposition which was to be held the following fall at Atlanta, Georgia.

Each of these visitors was said to have inspired the delegation greatly, by their speeches. So great was this inspiration that the brethren of the Association caught the vision of the need of a denominational school in Western North Carolina for the religious training of the young people of the Baptist Churches.

A committee of three was appointed to get out some plans for the same and report at the next annual meeting.

The amount of money raised during the entire session was one hundred twenty-five dollars and some cents.

The Association closed with enthusiasm running high, and each member left with a strong determination to go back to his field and do more for the cause than he had ever done before.

Dear brethren, may this bit of history which I bring to you today inspire you, and even at this setting we may all catch a larger vision of our great task, and go down from this place with great enthusiasm and a stronger determination to put over the Lord's program which has been committed to our hands.

Certainly much more is expected of us because of our greater advantages. Let us improve upon the foundation which our fathers have laid. Remembering, that we pass this way but once. Our chance to serve is now. The opportunity to carry this work on to greater success will soon pass on to others.

Brethren, it is a high privilege after a year of hard work and struggle with our Church problems, to gather in our annual meeting to exchange ideas and to gain new inspiration. These meetings always give help and inspiration to me. But it is a waste of time and money, if we do not use the information and inspiration to help us better foster the cause of Christ.

An association is not a place to show how much or how little we know, and it is my earnest prayer that we have not come up to this session with such an aim in view, if so we are far from the object of this body or any similar body. On the other hand I hope we have come to study, earnestly, carefully and prayerfully the program of Christ for His church, and to get a larger vision of how we may best serve God and humanity.

It seems that many of us as ministers and laymen still have a very poor conception of what really is Christ's program. We come to the Association from year to year, we listen to big speeches and great sermons, (as they are termed) and we go away greatly inspired to go back to our various fields and render greater service. But Brethren from our reports from year to year there seems to be little improvement.

We are not measuring up to what God expects of us. God's plan, as I see it, is to use us as instruments to build His Kingdom here on earth.

Angels would be glad to take our places, but God has not so honored them. He has given us the job, and He is depending up-

on us to put the job over. Will we fail Him?

Since my connection with this Association plans after plans have been adopted, and great efforts have been put forth for the purpose of trying to line up all the churches of the Association on God's big program of Kingdom work, but for some reason we have fallen short of our efforts. Some churches have cooperated splendidly, while others I have observed have somewhat lagged.

It appears that they do not seem to realize that God requires more of them than merely to collect the General Church expenses and ten cents per member for the Association.

Brethren, God has a bigger program, namely: Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief Fund, and Church Extension work, which should all have a place in our local church program. The church that does the most for God's larger program usually does more for itself locally.

Water which has no outlet, soon stagnates—so with the church.

I therefore, strongly urge the delegates assembled at this session to awake, to the possibilities of their local churches, and to put forth your best efforts to arouse your churches to the extent that shall be glad to link on the God's larger program.

We are all aware of the fact that little comes to the church or the individual by chance. We attain success, we reach our goals by faithful and diligent labor.

It is said that sixty per cent of all the Protestant Churches in the world are Baptist. If this calculation is correct there rests upon the shoulders of the Baptists a greater responsibility of giving the gospel to the world than all the other churches combined. Then let us lift up our eyes and look upon the fields, which are already white unto harvest.

Just here let us consider some of our greatest needs as Negro Baptists of the State of North Carolina and especially in the west.

Our first great need is cooperation. We have accomplished very little as a denomination in the State because of our lack of cooperation.

We propose great plans, we start great movements in the interest of our denomination, but we fail to reach the end we have in view because we cannot get these people we call Baptists to cooperate.

A second great need is that of a mutual understanding between us. There will always be divisions and disruptions in our churches

as long as the ministers and officers fail to have this mutual understanding.

The work in which we are engaged is not the pastor's nor the deacon's, but the Lord's.

Neither pastor nor deacon is "head over the Lord's heritage;" but stewards, and "there should be no strife between us as brethren."

This has been an unusual year of disruptions in several of the churches in our Association and I feel that most if not all of this trouble might have been avoided if a little more time had been taken in reasoning with each other.

(3) Loyalty to our denominational program is a third great need. A number of Baptist churches of the State treat the Denominational program with careless indifference.

As Baptists we should stand for all that Baptists stand for, and furthermore we should give our loyal and hearty support to all of its objects.

There are some who criticise the Denominational program and the administration, but do not offer anything better. Every loyal preacher and laymen of our Denomination will see to it that this criticism is **constructive** and not **destructive**. It is the destructive criticism which hinders our progress as Baptists.

Brethren, it is your duty to support the program of the Denomination. It is your duty to line up with those whom you have placed in office, and thereby cause the work to go forward. It cannot succeed without your loyalty.

Education, Home and Foreign Missions are the outstanding objects of our State work.

Shaw University which has done so much toward molding the lives and characters of the Baptist men and women of our state and many in other sections of this country, as well as some upon the foreign fields should have a bigger place on the program of every local church.

The modern day scientist, or the radical have not affected the teaching force of Shaw University. Today as in days past Shaw stands for the faith that was once delivered to the saints

We need have no fear of the modern day scientist nor any other opposing group so long as we have schools like Shaw University laying and strengthening the Christian foundation of our youth.

As Missionary Baptists, many of our churches fail to live up to their names, when it comes to Home and Foreign Missions, which as I previously stated is one of our chief objects.

Through our State Conventions we are asked to support Home Missions and through our great Lott Carey Convention we are asked to support our Foreign Mission work.

May I urge you, Brethren, from now on to give more consideration to Home and Foreign Missions.

Western North Carolina holds a few special needs for the Baptist Denomination.

The first great need is an "A" Grade secondary school to serve as a feeder for Shaw University.

If we desire that our young people develop into staunch Baptists then we should provide a secondary school, where they may receive in their earlier years the same type of training which they will receive at Shaw.

We have already in the West—Western Union Academy at Spindale. There is no reason why we should not line up our forces, and give to this school such support that it shall soon be serving the purpose which we desire.

The Rowan Association, The Woman's Auxiliary, The Western S. S. Convention, The Ushers' Convention, The Western Educational and Missionary Convention, and all other associations and conventions in Western North Carolina if combined would make a mighty fortress for God and the Denomination, and enable us to carry out our program to its fullest extent.

I now conclude by offering a few recommendations from your earnest consideration.

(1) Since Education Home and Foreign Missions are so vitally important to the development and to the spread of Christ's Kingdom in the world, I do recommend that we as pastors and officers of the churches of this Association take more time in emphasizing the great need of these causes and to urge our members to contribute more largely and systematically to the same. That we further urge, that all churches whether city or rural arrange to collect five cents per member on each meeting day for the above mentioned causes.

(2) That we increase our interest in Shaw University which has always given and is still giving to our boys and girls the type of moral and religious training which our Association can indorse—the type of training which prepares for real leadership.

That we encourage the young men who are planning to enter the ministry, not to be content with anything less than the completion of the four year course of college work.

That we urge that young ministers of Association whose edu-

cational opportunities have been limited to take advantage of the special courses which Shaw is now offering through its Theological department, in order that they might be better prepared to serve the people. For further information write Dr. A. W. Pegues, Dean of the Theological Department Shaw University.

(3) Since from Raleigh to the Tennessee line there is no school where our Baptist boys and girls can be trained in the principles and doctrines of the Baptist Faith (save the one that is being operated at Spindale, N. C.) that we do not cease our efforts toward the establishment of a school to meet this need.

And that we take under consideration the advisability of offering our support to the school at Spindale and combine all our forces in Western North Carolina to make the school at Spindale a school that the Baptists of N. C. and elsewhere will be proud of.

(4) That we consider the advisability of securing the services of an all time man who is capable of taking charge of the work of thoroughly organizing the Baptists of Western North Carolina on the school project and to also have charge of the Evangelistic and mission work.

And that Dr. F. R. Mason, who is resigning his work at Salisbury, be sought as the logical man to take charge of this work.

And finally, may peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire session, and that this may be the greatest gathering in the history of the Association.

Your humble servant,

J. T. Hairston, Moderator.

PROCEEDINGS

High Point, North Carolina,

August 23, 1927.

The Rowan Baptist Association met in its Sixty-First Annual Session with the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church of High Point, N. C. Praise service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Smith and Rev. J. W. Jones. After singing hymn lined by Rev. J. C. Smith, Rev. Jones read as a Scripture lesson Psalm 121:22. Rev. J. C. Smith led in a fervent prayer. Rev. Jones led in singing "Come Ye That Love The Lord and Let Your Joys be Known."

Deacon Edwards led in prayer. "My Soul Be On Thy Guard" was sung, led by Bro. J. C. Smith. Rev. J. W. Jones offered prayer. A series of prayers was made. Rev. J. E. Boykin, Rev. G. H. E. Washington and others participated in this series of prayer, interspersed with songs, made the opening devotions very uplifting.

Rev. J. T. Hairston, the Moderator, presiding, made a short but inspiring address, in which he expressed great joy that God had preserved us and brought us together in another annual meeting. Expressions were made by many that were very timely and inspiring. Bro. Hayes said he hoped that the program as outlined would be carried out. Rev. W. A. Sharpe rejoiced in the fact he was born in the bounds of this Association and labored here all of his life. Rev. Williams of Antioch, Winston, spoke encouragingly to the brethren. Deacon L. W. Wilson spoke on the history of the Association for the last twenty years. Deacon Lewis Ingram said words that inspired the brethren. Rev. J. P. Alexander said he was indeed glad to be here after forty-three years of continuous attendance at this Association.

The Moderator then submitted the program for adoption. Adopted. Next was the enrollment of delegates by a committee as follows: G. W. Campbell, P. T. Hairston, J. W. Croom, L. H. Hayes.

The Moderator asked that all new delegates and visitors come forward and be introduced to the Association, which was done; the following speaking for the new delegates and visitors, after being presented by Prof. R. W. Brown: Mrs. Elizabeth Grasty, of Danville, Va., spoke on behalf of the women said, that she was

glad to visit the Association bringing greetings from the Woman's State Convention of Va., and also stating that she was soliciting finance for the school at Lynchburg, Va., and asked the co-operation in this drive.

Rev. J. S. Daniels, D. D., spoke on behalf of the men, said that you will hear from me later. Rev. Donald, of Passaic, N. J., was introduced, and spoke encouragingly of the work that is being done in his State and church, said that he was indeed glad to be here. Rev. C. W. T. Barnes, Dr. Cook, of High Point, N. C. Rev. Barnes expressed gratitude for being present for the first time in the Rowan Association. Dr. Cook said, "I am glad to see so many of my friends," naming several, said all have value uniting themselves, but meeting friends we see associated values. Rev. P. M. Mayfield, of Charlotte, N. C.: "I am glad to look in upon you. I am sure you are doing great work! I have longed to meet you. The world needs us, for there is so much to be done."

Dr. Thomas called our attention to Prof. Brown as being recently elected to the presidency of our State S. S. Convention. Prof. Brown was presented, and said, "I am really grateful to you for you have always been kind to me and I thank you." Rev. I. H. Harris was introduced and said, "I am glad to look in upon you and that I have the privilege of representing the Rising Mt. Zion Church of Winston-Salem." Brothers Harris, Davidson, and Rev. Hawkaday, of New Bethel Baptist Church, who said, "I am glad of the privilege to meet you. You are doing a great work, and I am here to help you."

The Moderator asked the public to give an offering to Mrs. Grasty for the Lynchburg Seminary. The amount of \$4.65 was taken. Prof. W. N. Nelson and Rev. J. W. Croom were appointed to take charge of the offering until the committee was appointed. Benediction by Rev. H. H. Hairston.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 P. M. with the devotional exercises being conducted by Rev. T. D. Ware and Rev. E. Graham. "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung. The lesson was taken from the I Chapter of Romans. Rev. P. Joyce offered prayer. After singing "My God the Spring of all My Joy" and prayer by Rev. S. A. Penn, Vice Moderator, Dr. R. L. File introduced

Rev. P. Joyce, who preached the introductory sermon, associated by Rev. Dr. G. H. E. Washington. Rev. Joyce selected for his text first John, fifth chapter and fourth verse; subject: "Conquering the World." The speaker preached a powerful sermon, the outline of which is on another page in this minute. Rev. Mayfield, of Charlotte, offered prayer.

After a brief song service Dr. File, in befitting words, presented the Moderator, who delivered his masterful address which may be found in its entirety on other pages in this minutes. On motion, the recommendations in the Moderator's address were placed in the hands of a committee.

All officers made their reports. Dr. H. M. Moore spoke of his sermon book. Rev. Stover, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Church, Leaksville, spoke to the delight of the Association.

Rev. Oglesby, of Macedonia, Salisbury, was introduced. The Association was favored with a beautiful song by Mr. Haskins, of New Jersey. Rev. R. B. Watts made a very timely speech on the Baptist work generally and most especially that of the West.

After the election of officers the Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. Smith Garrett.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Association met at 8 P. M. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Harris and Rev. J. P. Alexander. Rev. Harris sang "My God the Spring of all My Joy," and Rev. Alexander read the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. Prayer was offered by Rev. Alexander. "Pass Me Not" was then sung. The local program was rendered as follows: Music by the choir, Rev. Cook came forward and spoke in place of the Mayor; Quartet from First Baptist Church was sung. On behalf of the Ministerial Conference, Rev. C. A. Washington; Rev. Parham on part of the churches, spoke. Music by the choir; response by Prof. W. N. Nelson.

The Moderator introduced Rev. J. S. Daniels to preach the Missionary sermon. "A Charge to Keep" was sung. twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew was read by Rev. Parham. Rev. Daniels chose for his text Acts 1:8: "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me." See outline on another page. Collection of \$28.71 was taken by Rev. F. R. Mason and Deacon Smith. Hawshaw Grove paid four dollars for missions in this collection.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association met at nine o'clock with praise service conducted by Rev. J. H. E. Nelson, of Concord. After a spiritual meeting the Moderator called for echoes from the field. Much time here was given and well spent in listening to the reports from various churches all over the field; ninety-five per cent of all churches reported fine progress, a few were without pastor.

At this time Rev. D. W. Montgomery spoke on subject: "When is a Baptist Church Regular?" He, with well-chosen words, defined in detail all the fundamentals which are so dear to all liberty-loving Baptists.

Bro. F. R. Mason, D. D., spoke on "How to Discipline a Member in a Baptist Church." This was indeed a masterpiece, being filled with the love of parent to child. "Every step," said he, "should be in love." On motion the paper of Dr. Mason was placed in the hands of a committee for publication.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Jones.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was given over to the Usher Board. This board has its own minutes.

While the Usher Board was in session at Mt. Vernon Church the Executive Board was in session at the First Church.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The Convention met at eight o'clock and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. F. Long and Rev. G. W. Campbell. At the close of the praise service Dr. G. O. Bullock, of Washington, D. C., spoke to the Association, bringing greetings from the brotherhood of the Capital City. So inspiring are his messages that they are now looked for by the Association as an unusual feast of good things. Music for this service was furnished by the choir of the First Church.

The educational sermon was delivered by Dr. J. J. Scarlett, who chose for his text Deut., sixth chapter, sixth and seventh verses; subject: "Christian Education." At the conclusion of this most wonderful message that completely electrified the entire

audience, Mrs. Nannie Washington, charmingly entertained the Association with her most angelic voice in a song, "He Holds Me Fast." Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. File.

After listening to Sister Lula Hudson, who spoke for Fairfield Church, Dr. G. O. Bullock took the offering of the evening which amounted to \$256.40.

Benediction by Rev. D. S. Sautler.

FRIDAY MORNING

Friday morning, 10 o'clock. Praise service was conducted by Rev. Siler and Bro. Moore of Concord. Scripture lesson was read by Bro. Moore; Revelations 12:1-10. The prayer was offered by Rev. Siler. The Association joined in singing hymn 293. "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee."

"Echoes from the Field:" Parkers Grove, New London, Bro. Shad—"A Bright Outlook."; New Zion, Linwood: Bro. Holmes—"God Is Blessing Us Greatly;" Cedar Grove, Mocksville—"Fine Sunday School and a good Church and Pastor. Bro. Hairston is delegate."

Mt. Sinai: Leaksville—Rev. Stover: "We are pastoring the town, trying to save souls and put over God's program." Yadin Star, Bro. Crump—"Doing great work, getting along fine." First Baptist: N. Wilkesboro, Bro. Harris—"We are pressing on under the leadership of Rev. Foster." The committee on New Bodies was called.

Taylorsville: T. M. Morrison—"A great church in a great condition." Liberty Hill: Rev. Melton—"We hope to make the church even greater." Friendship, Cooleemee, "Doing great work." Rising Ebenezer, Winston-Salem: T. H. Harris—"God is really blessing us." Zion Baptist, Reidsville: "A new pastor with a new program." Mt. Zion, Winston-Salem: L. L. Ingram—"We are moving up to Zion with one among the best pastors."

First Baptist, New London: D. C. Parker—"We are moving upward." Mt. Vernon, High Point: Bro. Johnson—"The Church speaks for our progress." Providence, Greensboro—"Getting along extra fine."—R. W. W. Renalda. Oak Grove, Walker Town, "We are trying to do more"—A. H. Lewis. Boxwood Baptist, W. S. Lucky—"We are doing fine."

Shiloh Baptist Ruffin, Henry Stinson—"Our church is getting

along all right." First Baptist, Kannapolis: "We are doing a wonderful work." Friendship, Charlotte: S. L. Harris—Rev. B. K. Mason discussed the relation of the church to young people.

Prof. B. W. Brown discussed the mission of the church. A redemptive service. Benediction, Rev. L. C. Huff.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 and praise services were conducted by Deacon S. M. Mason and Deacon G. E. Kirby. The opening song was "Come, Ye That Love the Lord." The Scripture Lesson was the third chapter of Acts. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Hairston. The entire afternoon was given to reading, discussing and adopting reports.

Miss Hattie Blackwell, a blind lady, was given \$7.35.

Benediction by Rev. W. H. Hairston.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The Association met at 7:30 and the praise services were conducted by Rev. Adolphus Smith and Rev. W. M. Sloan. After a very inspiring meeting a resolution of thanks to the good people of High Point was adopted by the Association. The Moderator then introduced the Rev. Dr. R. L. File, who preached the doctrinal sermon to a large and very appreciative audience. The speaker spoke with such great power the entire assembly with anxious hearts and well attentive ears sat ready for each truth as it fell from the sacred altar. His text was taken from Heb. 13:13 and 14; subject: "Let us go forth Hearing His Reproach."

After the regular collection an after collection of ten dollars was raised for Rev. P. F. Maloy.

Benediction by Dr. G. O. Bullock.

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Point, N. C.

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N. C.

First Baptist Taylorsville, N. C., D. M. Morrison.

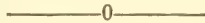
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, M. Scott, 623 Craig St., Salisbury, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold, 606 Lindsay St. Greensboro, N. C.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Rocelle, 227 W. 11th St. Winston-Salem, N. C.

Providence Baptist Church, Pastor J. J. Scarlete, D. D., 815 Baptist St. Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Hattie Maloy, Greensboro; Mrs. Mattie Mock, Trinity; Hawkins Gannaway, Trinity; Della Steel, Trinity.



REPORT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

On Education

We, your Committee on Education submit the following report:

Since the Age in which we live demands a thorough education for our youth.

The time demands that the churches put forth strenuous efforts along the lines of Christian education to keep pace with secular education.

We feel that the hope of the race and nation rest largely with those who are trained in Christian homes and schools for the leaders of our next generation must come from our Christian schools. Therefore we recommend that the churches of our Association continue to cooperate with the State Convention in raising funds for Shaw University.

We further recommend that we establish and maintain an "A" Class High school in Western North Carolina.

Committee on Education

Professor W. N. Nelson, Rev. R. B. Watts, Rev. G. O. Bullock, Rev. G. C. Edwards, Deacon J. P. Johns, Deacon P. Hairston, Deacon R. H. Hariston, Deacon W. W. Williams, Professor S. T. Welbarn, Deacon L. H. Hayes, Deacon Earl Hines, Miss Kathleen Johnson, Miss Addie Campbell, Rev. D. S. Saulter, Deacon T. H. Thadd, Deacon G. K. Jones, Rev. C. F. Gingles, Dr. G. O. Bullock, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following report:

Since Christian Education fits for good citizenship and Christian service, be it resolved that we, the members of this Association lend our aid and endorsement along the line of the promotion of education for the youth of our State and especially toward the Baptist school in Western North Carolina that it may stand as a monument to our efforts and results of our prayers as Baptist laborers.

2nd. That since we are living in an age of many changes, and issues, that we, as members of the Rowan Baptist Association urge the constant study of God's Word. And that careful attention be given to the teaching of the principles of our Church, that the youth of our churches may have a firm foundation so as to stand for One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

3rd. Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to our Ex-Moderator, Dr. G. O. Bullock for his contribution to our body.

4th. That we give our hearty support toward the establishment of a paper and lend what encouragement possible for its hearty existence.

5th. That since the Association has been so beautifully entertained by Rev. Mason, his people, other churches of the city, and adjacent communities, be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be extended them for their generous hospitality.

We pray that the blessings of our great Father may ever abide with these good people.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Resolutions

Rev. F. R. Mason, Deacon J. W. Armstrong Deacon J. A. Sawyer, Miss Phebe Spencer, Miss Odessa Smith, Mrs. Martha Wall, Miss Susan V. Chambers, Rev. R. C. Stover, Deacon Robert H. Broadnax, Rev. B. W. Wynn, Deacon Chas. Fowler, Deacon Geo. Hargrave, Deacon E. W. Scales, Deacon S. D. Banks, Mrs. N. G. Washington, Mrs. W. R. Robbins, Mrs. Annie Martin, Mrs. Mittie Satterfield.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

August 26, 1927.

The Ordination Council of the Rowan Association held a council for the purpose of considering the gratification of Brother W. M.

Jones of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, High Point, N. C., for ordination to the gospel ministry. The applicant was examined upon the following subjects: Conversion, Call to the Ministry, Doctrine of B. C., Current unscriptural news, and controversials Literary.

The Council agreed the applicant made 75 per cent average and recommend that Brother Wm. Jones be ordained to Gospel ministry.

Council

Dr. R. L. Files
 Dr. F. R. Mason
 Dr. A. S. Croom
 Dr. W. H. Thomas
 Dr. S. L. Parham
 Dr. G. H. E. Washington
 J. W. Hairston.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

Asst. Secretary -----	\$ 12.50
Recording Secretary -----	\$ 25.00
Recording Secretary's Postage and Stationery -----	\$ 4.75
Mrs. A. H. Sloan -----	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Thenia Smith -----	\$ 5.00
Stewart Printing Co. -----	\$ 12.50
Treasurer -----	\$ 15.50
Finance Committee -----	\$ 9.00
Cor. Sec'y (Services Circulars 350, Stationery, 117) -----	\$ 7.67
Auditor -----	\$ 5.00
Sec'y Ex. Board -----	\$ 25.00
Sexton -----	\$ 8.00
Moderator's Expenses and Service -----	\$ 25.00
Moderator's Expense Lott Carey Convention -----	\$ 25.00
Representation State Convention -----	\$ 25.00
Statistician -----	\$ 3.00
Shaw University -----	\$200.00
Shaw University Ministerial Education -----	\$ 50.00
Lott Carey Convention -----	\$100.00
Minutes -----	\$250.00
Union Reformer -----	\$ 25.00
H. Hairston -----	\$ 5.00
Mrs. M. E. Wall -----	\$ 5.00
Rev. J. H. Thomas, Printing Comp. etc., -----	\$ 5.00
Mrs. L. Thomas for Peoples Orphanage -----	\$ 5.00

Western Educational Convention	\$ 25.00
Rev. G. O. Bullock's R. R. Fare	\$ 20.00

Money Paid Out From Table

Dr P. F. Mayloy	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Lucy Thompson	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Eliza Grooty	\$ 4.65
Mr. Jas. Howard	\$ 7.35

Committee on Appropriation

Professor R. W. Brown, Rev. J. P. Alexander, Col. Jas. Timlic, Rev. B. K. Mason, Rev. J. S. Daniels, Rev. J. H. Bradford, Miss Meluna Yokely, Mr. Floyd Johnson, Bro. Mason Scott, Bro. T. M. McCall.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

September 26, 1927

We, your Committee on Time and Place recommend the 1928 session to be held with the First Baptist church of Concord which was voted unanimously.

Committee,

Committee on Time and Place

Rev. J. H. E. Nelson, Deacon A. R. Sharp, Deacon E. C. Horn, Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. Ruth Broadnax, Mrs. U. T. Wood, Rev. A. C. Steed, Deacon E. D. Douglass, Rev. S. D. Townsend, Rev. E. M. Johnson, Rev. H. H. Hairston, Deacon M. G. Griffith, Mrs. Janie Lee Bullock, Deacon A. H. Smith.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to submit our report:

Whereas we are workers together with Christ in the redemption of the world, and whereas we are deeply sensible of our responsibility in helping to remove the deep woes, ignorance, and superstition of humanity.

Resolved: That we as Association renew our interest in the Educational and Mission program as outlined by the Board of Promotion and that we contribute to the fullest extent of our financial ability to the successful advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee

Rev. D. W. Montgomery, Deacon R. E. Catus, Deacon W. M. Thomas, Deacon W. H. Hairston, Deacon H. H. Hawkins, Mrs. Lucy Thompson, Mrs. Mary Maxwell, Rev. T. H. Harris, Rev.

J. W. Jones, Deacon Jas. Bass, Dr. J. J. Scarlett, Rev. W. M. Sharp, Deacon S. M. Mason, Mrs. Jimmie Jennings, Rev. Adolphus Smith, Dr. P. F. Maloy, Deacon Troy McCall, Rev. H. D. Houghton, Rev. Hockaday, Mrs. J. E. Melton, Rev. S. L. Parham, Deacon J. G. Miller, Mrs. J. S. Daniel, Deacon J. C. Smith.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance beg to submit the following report:

Whereas the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage have caused such untold suffering in the human family, and whereas it is contrary to the laws enouchd in the Constitution of the U. S. A. And whereas its use is contrary to the Divine law, we therefore recommend that we as an association laboring under God in Kingdom building will abstain from the use of said—beverage and condemn the sale and use of the awful venom in our community and our country.

Respectfully your Committee,

Rev. C. W. T. Barnes, Deacon S. L. Harris Deacon W. M. Davidson, Rev. P. Joyce, Deacon A. D. Lee, Mrs. Carter Williams, Deacon S. L. Bruton, Deacon John L. Parker, Deacon W. H. Hayes, Deacon Lewis Ingram, Rev. G. H. E. Washington, Deacon Henry Easley, Rev. J. E. Boykin, Deacon W. M. Gregory, Deacon G. E. Kirby.

REPORT— NEW BODIES

We, your Committee on New Bodies respectfully submit the following report:

We have examined and passed the following Church letters, and recommend same for membership with us: Clarks Chapel, Boonville, N. C., Rev. R. Joyce, Pastor. Pleasant Grove, Yadkinville, N. C., Rev. G. W. Campbell, Pastor.

Committee on New Bodies

Rev. R. B. Watts, Rev. W. M. Sloan, Rev. S. A. Penn, Deacon J. H. Mason, Deacon F. W. Brown, Deacon H. R. C. Moore, Rev. G. W. Glass, Chas. N. Staplefoot, Rev. R. C. Stover, B. D. Mrs. Hattie Mae Broadnax, Deacon W. M. Belle, Deacon J. A. Oliver, Deacon W. M. Compton, Deacon Mathew Ador, Deacon R. M. Muckle, Deacon J. H. Broadway.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 24, 1927
High Point, N. C.

The Treasurer's Report of the Rowan Baptist Association received in 1926:

August 19th, received of Finance Committee -----	\$ 500.00
August 19th, received of Finance Committee -----	\$ 300.00
August 20th Received of Finance Committee -----	\$ 242.49
August 20th Received of Finance Committee -----	\$ 50.00
August 30th Received of Usher Board -----	\$ 265.00
Sept. 11th, Rec. of Revs. Glassper, P. T. Hairston -----	\$ 10.00
Total Amount Received -----	\$1,367.49

Paid Out 1926-1927

1926 Rowan Baptist Association.

August 20th Rev. J. W. Hairston for Minutes -----	\$ 250.00
August 20th, Lott Carey Convention -----	\$ 100.00
August 20th, James Timlic for Overdraft 1925 -----	\$ 32.50
August 20th, Representative Fee State Convention ----	\$ 15.00
August 20th, Rev. J. T. Hairston expenses Lott Carey --	\$ 40.00
August 20th, R. W. Brown Sec'y Executive Board ----	\$ 21.75
August 20th, Rev. L. C. Huff -----	\$ 10.00
August 20th Prof. W. N. Nelson Statistician -----	\$ 3.00
August 20th, Rev. W. C. Pope for Union Reformer -----	\$ 25.00
August 20th, Sexton of First Baptist Church -----	\$ 8.00
August 20th, Rev. W. L. Mason, Corresponding Sec'y --	\$ 7.50
August 20th, Rev. F. R. Mason -----	\$ 12.50
August 20th, Steward Printing House -----	\$ 11.00
August 20th, Rev. J. W. Hairston Sec'y -----	\$ 25.00
August 20th, Rev. S. L. Parham, Auditor -----	\$ 6.70
August 20th, Prof. C. F. Graves for Roanoke Inst. ----	\$ 15.00
August 20th, James Timlic, Treasurer -----	\$ 15.00
August 20th, Louis Wilson Executive Board Meeting --	\$ 4.54
August 20th, Finance Committee -----	\$ 7.50
August 20th, Rev. J. H. Thomas for Printing -----	\$ 3.00
Aug. 20th, Rev. J. T. Hairston, Executive Board Meeting	\$ 16.13
August 20th, Rev. J. W. Hairston -----	\$ 1.45
August 20th, Mrs. Thenia Smith, Widow -----	\$ 5.00
August 20th, Mrs. Grace Hairston, Widow -----	\$ 5.00
August 20th, Mrs. A. W. Loan, Widow -----	\$ 5.00
Oct. 13th, Shaw University -----	\$ 265.00
Total Amount Paid Out -----	\$ 910.57
Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 456.92

Respectfully submitted,
James Timlic, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT, AUG. 24, 1927

To the Moderator and members of the Rowan Association I have carefully gone over the report books and vouchers of our worthy Treasurer, Col. Jas. Timlic and found them correct. His book is kept in a very intelligent manner.

S. L. Parham, Auditor.

SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER

Brought Forward From 1926	\$ 910.38
Received from Farm	\$ 100.00
Received Interest	\$ 36.42
Total on Hand	\$1046.80

August 1927.

Respectfully,

J. W. Hairston

Delegates

To Lott Carey Convention, Dr. F. R. Mason, Rev. L. C. Huff,
Rev. S. L. Parham, Rev. W. L. Mason—To Western N. C. Bodies
Rev. R. B. Watts.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

Dr. G. H. E. Washington, Deacon Lewis Wilson, Rev. J. P. Alexander, Rev. J. E. Boykin, Rev. J. S. Daniels, Mr. Pomp Cooper, Mr. J. W. Armstrong.

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Appropriation

Professor R. W. Brown, Rev. J. P. Alexander, Col. Jas. Timlic, Rev. B. K. Mason, Rev. J. S. Daniels, Rev. G. W. Gloss, Rev. W. J. Pondexter.

Education

Professor W. N. Nelson, Rev. R. B. Watts, Rev. G. O. Bullock, Rev. G. C. Edwards, Deacon J. P. John, Deacon Pennix Hairston, Deacon R. H. Hairston, Deacon W. W. Williams, Professor S. T. Welborn, Deacon L. H. Hayes, Deacon Earl Hines, Miss Kathlene Johnson, Miss Addie Campbell, Rev. D. S. Saulter, Deacon T. H. Shadd, Deacon G. K. Jones, Rev. C. F. Gingles.

Resolutions

Rev. F. H. Mason, Deacon J. W. Armstrong, Deacon J. A. Sawyer, Miss Phebe Spencer, Miss Odessa Smith, Mrs. Martha Wall, Miss Susan V. Chambers, Rev. R. V. Stover, Deacon Robt. H. Broadnax, Rev. B. W. Wynn, Deacon Chas. Fowler, Deacon Geo. Hargrave, Deacon E. W. Scales, Deacon S. D. Banks, Mrs. N. G. Washington, Mrs. Annie Martin, Mrs. Mittie Satterfield.

New Bodies

R. B. Watts, W. M. Sloan, S. A. Penn, J. H. Mason, F. W. Brown, H. R. C. Moore, G. W. Glass, Chas. N. Staplefoot, R. H.

Broadnax, Mrs. Hattie Mae Broadnax, W. M. Bell, J. O. Oliver, W. M. Compton, Mathew Ador, R. M. Muckle, J. H. Broadway.

Enrollment

Rev. G. W. Campbell, Deacon P. T. Hairston, Rev. J. W. Croom, Deacon L. H. Hayes, Deacon Silas Bruton, W. J. Johnson, Mrs. Emiline Mason.

Moderator's Address

J. H. Thomas, L. C. Huff, J. E. Melton.

SERMON PREACHED BY REV. P. JOYCE OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH ACROLINA

Sermon Outline

Text: 1 John 5 Chapter 4 verse.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Subject: Conquering the World.

1 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. While the world over comes the sinner and makes him its slave. The regenerated man triumphs over the world.

2. Born means to bring forth. Brought into the world, brought into life.

3. Born again cause to under go the new birth; Regenerated transform in character. Imbued with spiritual life—who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

The New Testament, a new translation by James Muffet says: "For whatever is born of God conquers the world." Who is the world's conqueror? But he who believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.

Some References of those who conquer the world. Exodus 7:12 and 13. Redemption by blood. Impress the importance of being cleansed by the blood.

Exodus 14:26, 27, 28.

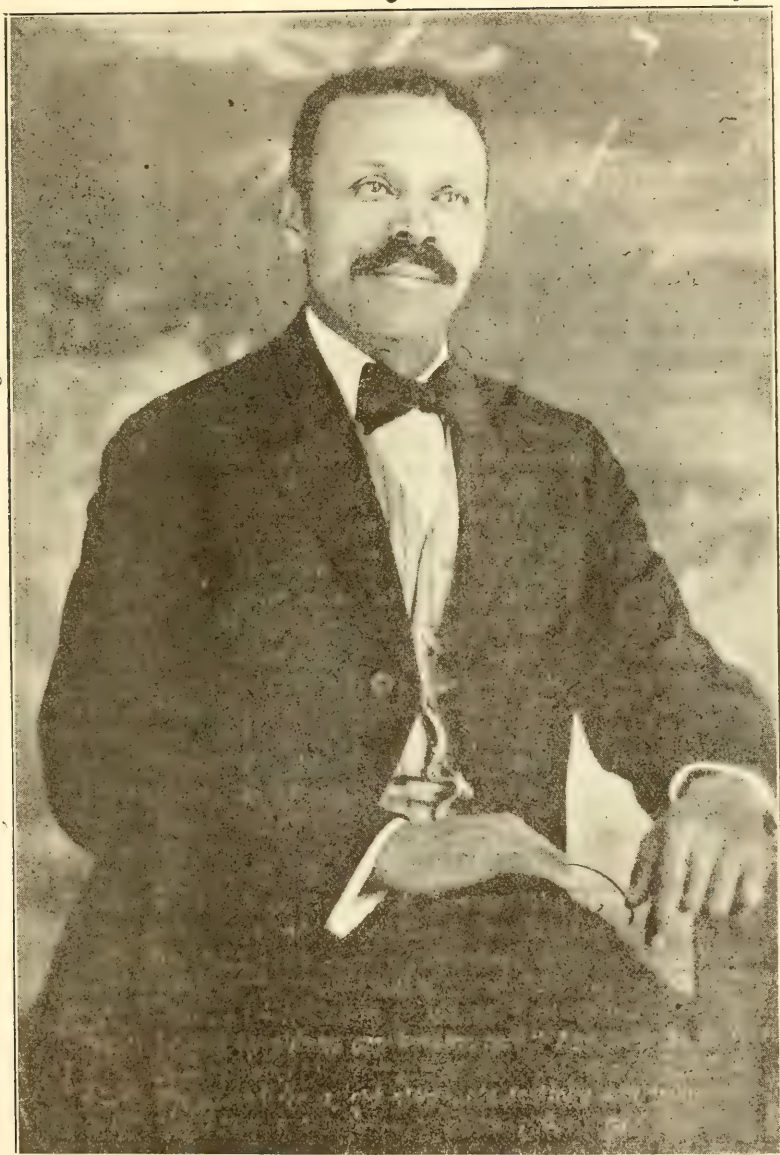
Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5 chapter, 17 verse, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." Any man be in Christ, in spiritual union with him, a new creature or new creator; old things are passed away, old views, old feelings, old purposes pass away. All things are become new. New desires, new objects of love, new asperations, new aims and a new prospect transforming the whole man. May I say here, my brethren stand for a convert

membership. John the Baptist stood for it; Matt. 3:1-2-7. Jesus stood for it, John 3.3—Jude in his epistle said “Belove, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was one delivered unto the saints.” The common salvation, common to Jesus and Gentiles.

The last part of the text says, “And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” Faith, faith, faith—what is faith? Faith is belief, trust in the honesty, and trust of another. The assent of the mind to divine recollection unshaken confidence. The accent of the mind to divine recollection unshaken confidence in God. Faith is the overcoming principle in the world’s conflict. That is the means of victory. Our faith in purifying the heart makes it invisible to worldly influences. Hence the world is overcome. Some references.

Daniel 3:4th to 5th, 6th to 17, to 18th; Daniel 6:11 to 12th, 13th to 18th, 19th to 20th, 21st to 22nd, 23rd to 24th. Jesus never lost faith in Himself, Matt. 26:31-32, but said: “After I am risen again will go before you into Galilee.” In John 16:33 He said into the world ye shall have tribulation, but of good cheer; I overcome the world. He will reign until he has put the last enemy under his feet this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and its Christ. He is coming for his Church one day and lead them triumphly over this world. This is the generation of them that seek Him that seek thy face oh! Jacob lift up your heads oh! ye gates and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King’s glory shall come in. Who is this king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads oh! ye gates even lift them up everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this king of glory? The Lord of host, He is the King of glory impress the vital importance of a converted membership for they and they only will conquer the world. Revelation 7:3-14.



REV. J. S. DANIELS, East Spencer, N. C.

SERMON BY REV. J. S. DANIELS,
East Spencer, N. C.

The Gospel Form is For All the Nations

"Ye shall receive power— Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Introduction.

Our text grows out a question that the disciples asked Jesus after they had assembled together after He had showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. We are told, that being assembled together with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He "Ye have heard of me."

In Luke 24:49; Jesus said, "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you." This "promise is found in Joel 2:28. The disciple had heard Jesus speak of this promise in His long farewell discourse after the supper.

When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?

The disciple still had the idea of a temporal kingdom for Israel, expecting in common with all the Jews that the Messiah would free them from the Roman yoke and bring under His sway all the world's empires.

This question was asked Him at the mount called Olivet, (v. 12.)

"It is not for you to know", says Jesus. He does not answer "yes" nor "no" to the question. They were not fitted to understand either the manner or the time of spiritual changes which might come to Israel and to the Gentile world.

He gave them to understand, that the "times and seasons," periods and crises, were under the Father's "own power."

When all things are ready "His authority" will accomplish them.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

"Ye shall receive power."

Notice in the outset, that these eleven poor men were not left

by their Master with a hard task and no help.

He bade them "wait" for the promised Holy Spirit, the coming of whom they had heard from Him when in the upper room He spoke to them of "comforter."

They were, and so are we too feeble to act alone, and silence and retirement were all that He enjoined till they had been plunged into the fiery baptism which should quicken, strengthen, and transform them.

...Not a word does He say of their task of witnessing, till He has filled their hearts with the promise of the Spirit.

Jesus shows us the armour of power in which we are to be clothed, before He points us to the battlefield.

I want, and must say my brethren, that waiting times are not wasted times. Till we feel the power coming into us, we had better be still.

The disciples had not learned so much from the forty days "instructions concerning the kingdom as to be free from their old Jewish notions which color their question." Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

They believed that Jesus could establish His Kingdom when He would. They were right, and also wrong—right, for He is King; wrong, for its establishment is not to be effected by a single act of power, but by the slow process of preaching the gospel.

This power is mightier than physical forces. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. "Zechariah this power is given to Zion." The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Psalm 111.2-3.

Take notice, that our Lord does not deal with the misconceptions which could only be cured by time and events: but He lays down great principles, which we need as much as the eleven did. The times and seasons, the long stretches of days, and the critical epoch-making moments, are known to God only: our business is, not to speculate curiously about these, but to do the plain duty which is incumbent on the Church at all times.

(a) The mission of the Church is to give the world the gospel. God works through means in spiritual things as well as in material.

The Church is His instrument. God will not, and cannot violate His laws—electricity is the best physical agent known by which to illustrate the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Electricity can do almost anything, but only in conformity to law. Only by means of conductors, only as its way is prepared.

Let the machinery be in order, and see how electricity flies along the wires, carrying messages, from place to place, pushing cars, furnishing light. But let the machinery be out of order, let the wire be cut, and where is your electricity?

Even So the Holy Spirit

Let the conditions be complied with, and lo! He flashes forth light, power, salvation. Let the wire be cut, and the Holy Spirit cannot overleap the break. Therefore, the fire from heaven cannot come.

My brethren, we must believe that the power exist. And we must mean to have it. To get it, we must meet God's conditions whatever they are.

(b) This power, is power of union. "They were all with one accord, in one place."

In Union There is Strength.

An illustration. A story is told of an army that was crossing a bridge. They kept step, by right, and left. The captain soon discovered that if that union was kept up, that he likely would lose a part of, if not all of his men.

(We Must Form a Circle.)

I had an experience of an electric apparatus, I had in my home once. If I wanted to feel the current, I had to take hold of two concerns that were attached to the batters, I mean one in each hand. I must take hold of God's, and you take hold of God's hand and each other. Jesus in His intercessory prayer, prayed for the union of His Church. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:20-21.

It is plainly evident, from the prayer of Jesus, that the believers in Christ be united now, as they were in the days of the apostles, to convince and convert the world.

Union, then, is absolutely assential to convert the people in Protestant lands, and Christianize the pagan nations.

That all the believers in Christ should be united so as to constitute but one body, one communion, one Church, is a proposition on clearly set forth and strongly inculcated in the Scriptures.

The languages of the Saviour which we have quoted, exhibits very plainly His divine will on this subject.

The apostles frequently enjoined union, and condemned all divisions in the strongest terms, and those who assert that there

are so many different denominations of Christians, that every person can be suited, take a standing direct opposition to the prayer of the Saviour, and reject in that which the apostles reprove.

We Have No Scriptural Grounds For Divisions

Those who argue for divisions among the people of God are inconsistent, for two reasons. First, they oppose union, second, they preach against it, and pray at the same time for it.

They pray that all may speak the same things, be of one heart and one soul, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

(c) The Lack of Union Has Retarded the Progress of the Church.

Some argue against the union of all believers in one body, or church, and in support of different sects and parties in Christendom, and at the same time they preach in favor of all uniting with the particular sect to which they belong, which is, in effect, preaching against union.

They contend that the different sects are necessary to keep the church pure, by wathing over each other, and especially for he accommodation of unbelievers who, if they cannot conscientiously subscribe to the peculiar doctrine of one particular church, can have the privilege of choosing from a variety of sects such one as will suit the particular fancy. "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Eph. 4:5.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Pentecostal is the power to witness for Christ by precept, and example.

Christianity is a religion that advances by means of testimony, and life. For forty years after Christ ascended to heaven, there were no books written about Him.

If the first disciples had not talked about Jesus more than some of His present disciples do, His cause would have been dead.

You notice at Pentecost what a reasoner, and what an expositor Peter was. What gave him such power over men's hearts on that memorable occasion?

The records will show that his address was founded on quotations from the Old Testament. Peter treated it as the word of God.

You will observe how often we read in the Acts, "And the word

of God grew and multiplied." The word is a thought, and a thought is like a seed, it grows.

No church, or individual can have the presence, and power of the Holy Spirit, that fails to honor the Divine Word.

It pays to know. You must know in order to teach.

No excuse for ignorance. The universe is God's university for man and we are here as scholars learning our lessons for eternity.

Knowledge and belief are the chief allies of man.

Where knowledge ends, belief begins. In the absence of knowledge, faith, hope and belief point the way. They lead beyond, ever ON.

The preacher, or teacher must know God as his, or her personal Saviour.

Knowledge is a firm foundation; it gives security of thought and action; it causes uncertainty to give way to confidence, it encourages one to go forward, it serves too, as a restraint.

You must know. Knowledge is the mother of caution, it promotes the worth-whiles of life. Shakespeare says, "Ignorance is the curse of God, but knowledge is the wing where with we fly to heaven.

Without a Knowledge of the Word, There is No Real Enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is called the human dynamo. It generates the current we call magnetism, it touches the responsive cord, it forces on the one hand, and persuades on the other.

It is reserve power turned loose, it lightens burdens because it brings success. It is the magnet that draws all men unto you.

Spiritual enthusiasm electrifies all who are within radius, it sets energy in motion and ends must be accomplished. Yea, it is a power well-nigh irresistible.

Our text takes in the universe. In Mark 16:15, we have His words to His disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

Then He bade defiance to gravitation and jumped on a cloud and walked on the winds and up and up, and on and on, He hurled through space, into that blessed beyond.

The text, and also the Great commission, take in not the Jews, and Samaritans only, but all nations.

His love is not confined to any one race, nation, but all nations.

Christ's love has in it four "Dimensions". Paul so expressed it in his prayer for the Ephesian Church, He prayed that he be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and

depth, and heighth; and to know the lover of Christ." Eph. 3:18-19.

This breadth of His love is the opposite of narrowness.

The Jewish conception of the Messiah's love was that it could encircle in its embrace all the tribes of Israel, and make no provision for the salvation of Gentiles.

The prejudices of the apostles suggested a narrow interpretation of the great commission by all the world, understood all the holy land and by "all nations," all the Jewish tribes.

Peter's prejudice had to be overcome by a miracle. In opposition to not only the Jewish, but all narrow-minded Christians, the love of Christ is world-wide.

I am glad to say, no nation is outside of its operation. Neither culture nor ignorance is in its way, nor any form of government, nor any peculiar traits of character.

He who reaches heaven will see what John saw in the Isle of Patmos Rev. 7:9. After this, He says, I beheld and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, and people, tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

The Length of Christ's love, takes us to Calvary, and backward through prophecy, sacrifices, types, and shadows, to Garden of Eden; and in that golden era we find the first intimation of mercy to man.

But we must go farther back; for His love antedates creation. Jeremiah says, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:" Jer. 31:3.

That is, His love is infinite. No bounds, no limits, nor measure.

Making the World Christian, Is the Mission of the Church

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." The commission is given to the Church, and to no other society.

He who is truly loyal to Christ, therefore, will know that his Master wishes to be King over all the world and that He wishes to reign in righteousness and truth wherever His Name is known.

Loyalty to Christ, therefore, will not only make us missionary in the truest and highest sense, but it will also make us zealous to see that the whole world is brought to know and do the will of our Master.

My brethren, According to Paul's letter to his son Timothy in the gospel, every believer in Christ, is a TRUSTEE OF THE GOSPEL. See 1 Tim. 1:11.

Many of you perhaps know what a trustee is. But for the benefit of those who may not as yet know, and are not discharging their

duty. Because they do not know, but will if they know, I am going to give you just a hint of what a trustee's duty is.

Suppose a man dies. He leaves a large inheritance to a number of his heirs. And of course he has made his will, in which he has named the heirs and carefully defined the inheritance falling to each one. He appoints you the executor of his will and trustee of his estate. That means that as soon as the man dies the whole of his wealth is for the moment in your hands. But is it yours to keep? By no means. Very likely he has included you among his heirs, and left you a generous share of his riches. But he has also conferred upon you a special honor and a sacred responsibility by making you his trustee.

In this capacity you are to seek out every fellow heir, and to carefully pass on to each the portion of his inheritance due him. Evidently, the discharges of this trust may in some case be easy, in others not so easy.

Some of the heirs may be living near, still others not so easily found. They live in foreign lands, and their addresses are not known. They have not heard of the death of their benefactor, nor of their being among the heirs.

What will you as a trustee do? Will you consider your duty done because of having given to those heirs near at hand their portions, deem it too much trouble to take further steps to discover the remaining heirs, and conclude that you are justified in appropriating to yourself the fortune that belongs to them? No, surely not, if you are in any degree worthy of the trust committed to you.

But you will employ every means, spare no trouble or expense, and rest not until you have searched out the last heir, and made him the happy possessor of his inheritance.

Now, the fact is that a MAN called Jesus Christ has died. Has risen from the dead, He has left a glorious inheritance, described in His published Will.

Many of His heirs have been found in this country, and have come into possession of their riches. But many more are scattered abroad, in Africa, Asia, South America, and other lands, and these know nothing as yet of their good fortune.

And because of their ignorance they suffer spiritual poverty, sorrow, and helpless despair. Yet they are His heirs, provided for by His will, just as truly as those at home.

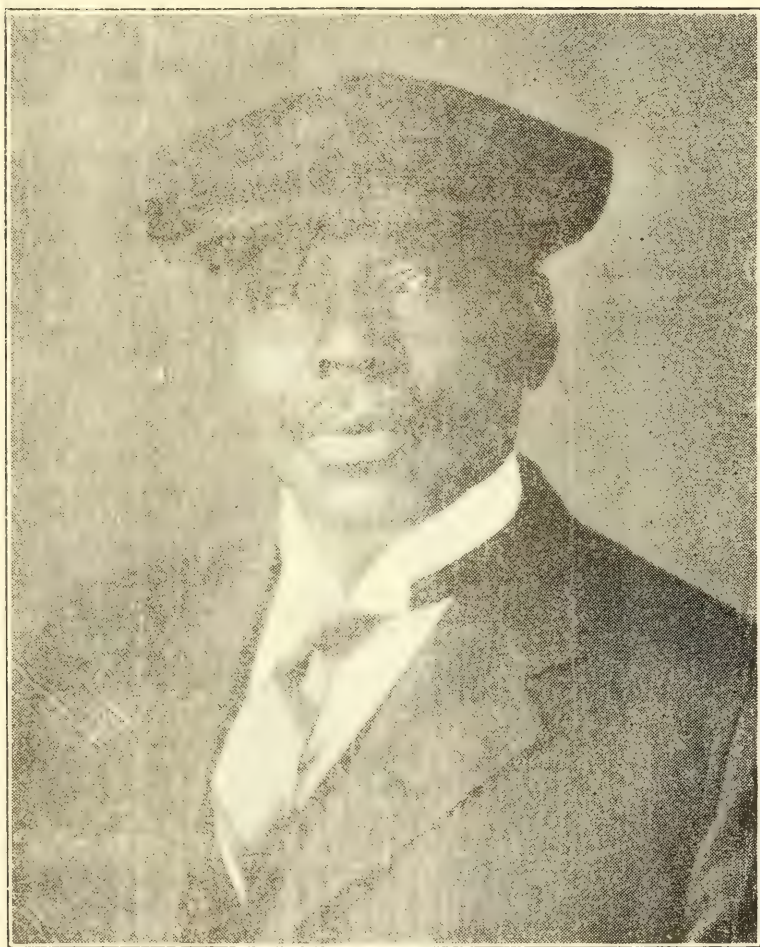
Are you one of the trustees of this gospel? If you are. He has given you the orders to "Go into all the world, preach the gospel

to every creature, and where you cānnot go there is some one who is willing, and has gone on the foreign fields, will you support them?

Not only with your prayers, but with your means. It may be you cannot give your thousands, but you are expected to give what you can if only the widow's mite, and the least you do for Jesus, will be precious in His sight.

I bēlieve the reāson many of our churches are having so much trouble today, is due to the fact, they are not carrying or sending the gospel into all the world.

J. S. Daniel.



COLONEL JAS. TIMLIC, Treasurer



COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Bro. Moderator and Messengers:

We, your Committee on Recommendations wish to submit the following:

We are living in an age of construction. We recognize our opportunity in the West in this age for great religious- educational campaign. The Great Commission is still ringing in our ears, "Disciple all the nations." To do this much organization must be done.

In view of these facts, we recommend that the Moderator's recommendations be adopted as follows: No. 1 with the exception of the last sentence, which we recommend to read, "Each church, whether rural or city, shall make such plans as best suit its local conditions to finance the Missionary program." We recommend that numbers 2, and 3 be adopted as read.

We recommend that number 4 be adopted with both propositions, viz; that a whole time man be secured to work Western, N. C., and that Dr. F. R. Mason be selected as the man.

In consequence of these recommendations we further recommend that a Board of Supervision consisting of seven men and two women as close together as possible, be chosen by this Association, whose specific and general duties be described in the constitution so amended at this session to meet the condition of the above recommendations; and that "Headquarters" be established from which all information, edicts, proclamations, etc. will emanate.

Your committee,,

J. H. Thomas,

L. C. Huff

J. E. Melton

Whereas, from year to year we are constantly found short in our financial report, due to issuing of improper checks and, ~~_____~~

Whereas such transactions will greatly handicap us in our future program therefore be it,

Resolved in this Association now in session and the same adopted that no check for representation shall be received by the Finance Committee now or in the future except officially issued by the Church in consideration in question.

Respectfully, submitted,

J. H. Thomas.



CHURCH

POST OFFICE

PASTOR

DELEGATES

CHURCH	POST OFFICE	PASTOR	DELEGATES	Worship Days	Received by Conversion	Received by Letter
First Baptist	Trinity	C. M. Jackson	Mann Spencer, G. W. Mack,	24		
Emanuel	Winston-Salem	D. S. Saulitus	J. M. Gray	32	8	
Shiloh	Albemarle	P. F. Long	Peter Jones, Rev. D. S. Saulters	26		
Yadkin Grove	Spencer	W. L. Sloans	Silas Tanton	12		
Shady Grove	Spencer	J. S. Daniel	Rev. Charley Hailey			
			T. E. Kirby, Miss Addie Campbell,			
			Miss Avis Kelley	52	31	2
St. Mathews	Rockwell	T. S. Roland	Calvin Hulig	26	2	
Mt. Carmel	Taylorsville	W. M. Neely	T. M. Morrison	12	1	1
First Baptist	New London	Rev. J. P. Alexander	Rev. J. H. Parker, D. E. Parker	12		3
Mt. Zion	Winston-Salem	R. L. Files	G. C. Edwards, L. F. Ingram,			
			R. L. Files	52	28	6
Pleasant Grove	Cahams	T. C. Barnes	Joseph Bailey			
First Baptist	Lexington	W. McKinley Wyatt	Charles Farmer, George Hargrave	52	15	
Antioch	Granite Quang	J. W. Hawkins		26		
Harshan Grove	Randleman	A. C. Wilkin	W. H. Hays, A. C. Miller	26	1	
Providence	Greensboro	J. J. Scollette	R. W. Rynolds, A. H. Smith,			
			W. N. Nelson	52	16	2
Macedonia	Salisbury	W. A. Sharp	Miss Susan Chambers	48	1	
Rising Ebenezer	Winston-Salem	T. H. Harris	T. H. Harris	52	8	6
Union Baptist	Lexington	J. W. Hawkins	D. C. Reed	24	20	8
Mt. Zion	Salisbury	F. R. Mason	A. R. Short, Mason Scott,			
			T. M. McCall	52	31	
Mt. Sinai	Greensboro	B. W. Winn	B. W. Winn, Edward W. Scales,			
			William Compton, Nina Wood	52	6	18
Penn Grove	Piney Grove	Graham	Matt Mitchell	36	11	
St. Luke	Salisbury	W. W. Wattson	W. W. Watson	12		
Friendship	Winston-Salem	E. Graham	Henry Easley	52	20	
Buncombe	Linwood	A. S. Croom	Pinnex Hairston	14	5	
First Baptist	Thomasville	E. M. Johnson	R. E. Catos, W. M. Thompson	26	1	
Libit Hill	Chauamount	J. E. Milton	J. E. Milton	12	5	1
Clarks Chapel	Boonsville	T. Joyce	J. W. Armstrong, Pomp Cooper	24	11	
Friendship	Charlotte	B. K. Mason	B. K. Macon, S. L. Harris	52	20	3
First Baptist	High Point	S. L. Parham	Rev. Parham	52	6	3
Cedar Grove	Cocksville	W. L. Mason	J. H. Mason	12	3	
Pleasant Grove	Yadkinsville	G. W. Campbell	G. W. Campbell	12	4	
Shiloh	Ruffin	G. W. Glass	Henry Simpson	12	1	
New Zion	Salisbury	W. L. Sloans	G. A. Burton, W. L. Sloans	24	5	1
Beulah	Madison	G. W. Campbell	Percy Hairston	24	7	1
E. Market	Greensboro	P. P. Eaton	W. M. Gregory	52	10	2
New Shepherd	Lowan	W. H. Hairston	W. F. Johnson	12		
First Baptist	South Mount	W. L. Sloans	J. H. Bradford	12	5	2
Oak Grove	Chimney Grove	C. H. Hawkins	J. G. Miller, C. H. Hawkins	24		
Smith Grove	Linwood	H. Hawkins	R. B. Hargrave	26		
Parkins Grove	New London	W. M. Allen	T. H. Shadd	12	6	
Mt. Carmel	Winston-Salem	W. T. Johnson	J. H. Oliver	59	2	
New Zion	Linwood	W. L. Sloan	T. M. James	14		1
First Baptist	Winston	J. H. Thomas	J. C. Smith, Rev. J. H. Thomas,			
			Jas. Timlic	52	20	2
Liberty	Salisbury	J. W. Hawkins	Henry Edwards	26	7	
Henderson Grove	Concord	J. E. Melton	T. J. Johnson	24	5	7
First Baptist	Kanapolis	H. H. Hawkins	Mrs. Emeline Hawkins	28	13	
Springfield	Winston	R. C. Banks	Mrs. Mittie Satterfield		2	
Macedonia	Concord	J. E. Melton	E. D. Douglass	24	3	
Emanuel	Thomasville	S. T. Townsend	Jesse Mack	24	2	
Yadkin Star	Lexington	J. W. Hawkins	C. Crump	12	3	
Oak Grove	Walkertown	A. H. Lewis	Rev. A. H. Lewis	24	2	
First Bapt.	Baden	Rev. P. F. Long	Mrs. Janie L. Bullock	52		
Ebenezer	Charlotte	H. M. Moore	H. M. Moore, W. M. Davidson	52	25	
New Zion	Greensboro	S. A. Penn	S. D. Banks	52	1	12
Friendship	Cooleemee	W. L. Enon	Mary Clark	26	5	
First Bapt.	Concord	J. H. E. Nelson	J. H. E. Nelson	52	7	1
Shiloh	Mockville	D. W. Montgomery	L. R. Howell	52		
Fairfield	Mockville	R. B. Kesler	Suler Hudson	24	5	
Boxwood	Mockville	W. P. Thompson	W. S. Lucky	24	2	2
Springfield	Leakville	W. M. Warner	Miss Ruth Broadnax, J. B. Broadnax	24	3	
New Hope	New London	W. M. Cross	John Parker	24	5	

